TRANSLAT

THE BOOK OF

DO MEN OF TODAY NEED TO BE SAVED?

INTRO:

The people of today are like ripe fruit.

Ours is a completed civilization, threatened by the processes of decay.

1. Growing ineffectiveness of gov't.
2. The lowering of the birth-rate.
   Eng. 1870-1910 36:20 to 24:80
3. The levelling of all classes, regardless of merit. Produces universal mediocrity. All the best that has been achieved by man is the work of a few superior individuals and not the work of the masses.
4. Economic conditions. Devotion to the accumulation of wealth followed by a like devotion to pleasure, ease, and luxury brings about decay.
5. The lessening influence od religion.
   Disorganization of belief and conduct
   Disregard for moral obligations.

The seat of the trouble, not a matter of intelligence but of vital instinct.

The strength and vitality of a people are not so much the result of their firm religious convictions as are their beliefs the result of their strength and vitality.

The adaptation of religious beliefs to the new intellectual and material wants is evidence of healthy vigor, the lack of such adaptation indicates decay. So far we have failed to so adapt.

Neither a return to the belief of former times nor the adoption of a new belief f founded upon reason would remedy matters.

PERSONALITY NEEDS TO BE STIMULATED AND REINFORCED.

WILL power, vital energy, initiative, and love for life need cultivation.

I. From what do men of today need to be saved?

This ? not to be answered simply in terms o of metaphysics and theology but in the light of physiology, psychology, political science, economics, and sociology.

Men of today need to be saved

1. from weakening wills, waning vital energy, petrifaction of initiative, and disregard for life.
2. from low ideals that thwart his development
3. from worry and fear that destroy his vitality
4. from his baser animal instincts
5. from ignorance of himself in his relation to his fellow men and to his larger environmen which we call God.

II. How are men of today to be saved?

1. By developing within them nobler impulses and ideals.
2. By bringing them into normal relations with their environment.
3. By teaching them how to function--how effectively and efficently to accomplish their life-work within the environment in which they are placed.

Jesus did just this for the needy men of his day — and offers to do it for the men of today.

Feeling keenly the weakness of human nature, Jesus sought for and found this strength in union with God.

Jesus to his disciples: "Thou art my beloved son."

Then all men became his brothers!

Then sin became impossible to him.

Jesus meets men on the common level of universal human experience, entices them to a heavenly Father.

The Trinity of Today.

Fellowship with God
Discipleship with Christ
Brotherhood with Man;

Heb. Root meaning of save, salvation, Savior is "to be broad, spacious." = enlargement

Gk. Root - to be made whole.